

Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0649 (H0982)

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-10 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice. No claims are currently being amended. Claims 20-30 are being added. No new matter is added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 11-30 remain pending in this application.

The Examiner has restricted the application to (Group I. - Claims 1-10, drawn to a device) and (Group II. - Claims 11-19 drawn to a process). Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction. However, to advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 11-19 without prejudice and hereby elect the claims of Group II. Applicants have added claims 20-30 drawn to the subject matter of Group II. No new matter is added in claims 20-30.

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Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check

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being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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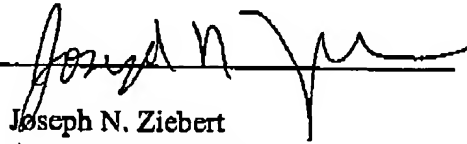
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